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WHY DO YOU THINK  
WE'VE RETAINED OUR  
HUMANOID FORM, DESPITE  
THE TIME THAT'S PASSED?

THIS IS A RELIGION.  
OBSESSION. BLIND FAITH.



WE'VE STILL BEEN  
UNABLE TO DISCARD IT...  
HATING THEM WHILE ENVYING  
THEM, SCORNING THEM WHILE  
LOVING THEM.



THAT'S WHY EVERYONE  
WANTS TO BE LIKE THEM,  
NO MATTER WHAT.

THAT'S WHY WE  
DON'T WANT TO TAKE  
ANOTHER FORM...



AND THAT'S WHY  
WE STILL COPY YOU  
HUMANS.

WHILE WE  
WERE HUMANS...

THAT BECAME  
MACHINES BY  
THEIR HANDS.

WE WANT TO BECOME  
HUMANS AGAIN.



*WE WANT TO RETURN TO  
OUR HUMAN BODIES AGAIN.*





MM...



AARON...

WHY DIDN'T  
YOU TELL ME  
ANYTHING?



WHAT DO  
YOU MEANT

WHAT THAT  
SURVEILLANCE ROBOT  
SAID, I DIDN'T KNOW  
ABOUT IT UNTIL THEN.



WHY DIDN'T GRANDPA  
OR YOU TELL ME ABOUT  
THIS...RELIGION?



WHAT WOULD YOU  
HAVE DONE IF YOU KNEW?

NOTHING WOULD  
HAVE CHANGED EVEN IF  
I TOLD YOU.

YOU COULDN'T  
DO ANYTHING ABOUT  
IT ANYWAY.



SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER  
TO NOT KNOW SOMETHING.



...MACHIA NEVER  
MENTIONED IT EITHER.

NO ONE IN  
THE PALACE  
TALKED ABOUT IT.



THEM WORSHIPPING  
US DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!



SOMETHING THAT  
LOOKS INSIGNIFICANT  
AND STUPID ONE SIDE...



CAN LOOK DIVINE  
AND BEAUTIFUL ON  
THE OTHER SIDE.



HUMANS HAVE  
MULTIPLE SIDES TO  
THEM AFTER ALL.



AND WE'RE NO DIFFERENT.



WELL, ANYWAY...



...IF YOU ASK TO BE  
TAKEN INTO PROTECTIVE  
CUSTODY-

PROTECTIVE  
CUSTODY? IS THAT  
STILL POSSIBLE?

TECHNICALLY  
YES.

BUT NOT WITH  
THE POLICE.

THEY DON'T REALLY  
CONSIDER THE PEOPLE  
HERE TO BE WORTH  
PROTECTING...



AND AS YOU KNOW,  
THEY'RE CONTROLLED  
BY RACHA, SO HE'LL  
BE ABLE TO KEEP TRACK  
OF YOU.

THAT SOUNDS DANGEROUS.  
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE  
TO KNOW ABOUT US.

WE CAN DO  
IT OURSELVES.



THAT'S  
TOO RISKY.

HOW LONG DO YOU  
THINK YOU'LL KEEP  
THAT UP?

FOREVER?  
UNTIL THE BOY GROWS  
OLD AND DIES?





I DON'T  
NEED PROTECTION.

I'M SICK OF  
STAYING HIDDEN  
LIKE THIS!

YURA,  
I MIGHT JUST THROW  
YOU OUTSIDE IF YOU SAY  
THAT ONE MORE TIME.



*CLENCH*

GO AHEAD THEN.

I WON'T BE  
ABLE TO RESCUE SHRA  
BY SITTING STILL LIKE  
THIS. AND...



...HOW COME  
YOU'RE ALWAYS TELLING  
ME WHAT THE RULES ARE,  
OR THREATENING ME!

HOW THE HELL  
IS THIS EVEN KEEPING  
ME SAFE?!





ENOUGH.



YOU SAID EVERYONE  
ALREADY KNOWS I'M A  
HUMAN ANYWAY!

JUST LET THEM FIND ME.



SIGH...

AT LEAST THEN EVEN IF  
THEY TEAR MY BODY APART,  
AT LEAST I WON'T STAY  
MY USELESS SELF!





CRUMBLE

DO YOU EVEN KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!

THINK ABOUT THE  
PEOPLE PROTECTING YOU!



GLENN

YOU'RE THE ONES  
THAT DECIDED TO PROTECT  
ME. WHY SHOULD I CARE  
ABOUT YOU AT ALL?!



YOU ALWAYS  
PRESSURE ME, SAYING  
YOU'RE HELPING, BUT NEVER  
THINK ABOUT HOW I FEEL,  
OR WHAT MY SITUATION IS!!

WHY ARE YOU SO SELFISH?!



GRAB

YOU'RE NOT THE  
ONLY ONE IN DANGER!

EVERYONE AND  
EVERY PLACE YOU'VE  
BEEN NEAR IS IN DANGER!

ARE YOU  
COMFORTABLE WITH  
PUTTING ALL THOSE  
PEOPLE IN DANGER?!



I NEVER ASKED  
FOR THAT.



I...

...JUST WANT TO  
RESCUE GIRL...



SO WE CAN LIVE  
HAPPILY WITHOUT  
HIDING.



THEN BEING  
SEEN IS EVEN MORE  
DANGEROUS.



THAT'S WHY  
I WANT A STRONGER  
BODY.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED  
TO RESCUE GIRA, IF ALL  
I'M DOING IS HIDING?

...LET'S  
STOP THIS.



THERE'S NO  
POINT IN ARGUING  
ABOUT THIS NOW.

I'M SORRY  
ABOUT THE WALL.



AH, IT'S FINE.  
IT WAS ALREADY FALLING  
APART, SO I'LL JUST TAKE  
THIS CHANCE TO REMODEL.





KIDSGORE WILL BE DOING THE PROTECTIVE CUSTODY



...WHO'S THAT?  
DIDN'T YOU SAY  
THE POLICE WON'T  
DO IT?



AH



IT'S AARONS  
UH...FRIEND?  
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

...NOT REALLY.

THEN...MAYBE  
SOMETHING LIKE  
A DIVORCED  
COUPLE?

HE'S STILL ALIVE?



IT'S ONLY A MATTER  
OF TIME, BUT THE LAST  
TIME I SAW HIM, HE LOOKED  
LIKE HE'D LAST AT LEAST  
10 MORE YEARS.

BUT HE'S STILL  
THE ONLY ONE WORTH  
TRUSTING AROUND HERE.



I KNOW YOU'D  
RATHER NOT ASK  
HIM FOR HELP, BUT...

SINCE IT'S NOT  
JUST ABOUT YOU...  
THINK ABOUT YURA  
AND GO TO HIM.



YOU KNOW HE'S  
GOOD AT WHAT  
HE DOES.



...IT'S BECAUSE  
HE'S TOO GOOD,  
THAT I'M WORRIED.



*TO BE CONTINUED..*